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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, and related to the above-identified patent application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following:

The above-identified patent application currently includes 89 claims. In the current Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372, and stated that the application includes invention groups which are not linked so as to form a single general inventive concept as required under PCT Rule 13.1. More specifically, the Examiner considered the application to include two groups. Group I includes claims 1-25 and 72-80. Group II consists of claims 26-71 and 81-89.

In response to the restriction requirement, and pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.499, the Applicants elect Group II. The Applicants understand that Group II consists of claims 26-71 and 81-89, which will be continued within the application and prosecuted.

With this restriction requirement, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26-71 and 81-89 are now in condition for allowance and early notification of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any questions arise in connection with the above, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of 616/336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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